

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated December 23, 2004. Claims 1, 5, 6, 8-25, 27-38, 40-49 and 51-67 are pending.

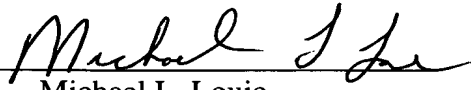
Claims 1, 5-7, 10, 19-20, 23, 25, 32-34, 41, 44, 45, 49, 50, 52, 55, 58, 60, 62, 63, 65 and 68 have been objected for the reasons set forth in the above-mentioned Office Action. Further, claims 6, 11-20, 32, 40-41, 49-51, 56, 57 and 62-64 stand rejected under §112, second paragraph, again for reasons set forth in the above-mentioned Office Action. In response, the Applicants have amended the claims in the manner suggested by the Examiner.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider this application with a view towards allowance. It is believed that all claims now pending and all new claims fully and patently define the subject invention over the cited art of record and are in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this case, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Michael L. Louie at (510) 843-6200.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, including any extension fees, which may be required or credit any overpayment directly to the account of the undersigned, No. 50-0388 (Order No. WEB1P003).

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